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SUBJECT: NEW GOVERNMENT NAMED - IP CHAIRMAN GEIR HALLGRIMSSON

BECOMES PRIME MINISTER

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1. FORMER PM AND PROGRESSIVE PARTY CHAIRMAN OLAFUR

JOHANNESSON FORMALLY ADVISED PRESIDENT THIS MORNING THAT HIS PARTY AND INDEPENDENCE PARTY HAD AGREED ON TERMS FOR FORMING NEW GOVERNMENT. AT MIDDAY, FOLLOWING CABINET POSITIONS WERE ANNOUNCED:

PRIME MINISTER -- GEIR HALLGRIMSSON (IP)

FOREIGN MINISTER -- EINAR AGUSTSSON (PP)

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND  
MINISTER OF JUSTICE -- OLAFUR JOHANNESSON (PP)

MINISTER OF FINANCE -- MATTHIAS MATHIESEN (IP)

MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND  
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL SECURITY -- MATTHIAS BJARNASON (IP)

MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES AND  
MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS -- GUNNAR THORODDSEN (IP)

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND  
MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS -- HALLDOR SIGURDSSON (PP)

MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE -- VILHJALMUR HJALMARSSON (PP)

2. NEW CABINET SCHEDULED TO HOLD FIRST MEETING TOMORROW.  
GOVERNMENT PLATFORM EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED AUGUST 29.

3. THREE OF THE FOUR PP MINISTERS ARE HOLDOVERS FROM PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. AGUSTSSON REMAINS AS FONMIN. JOHANNESSON STEPS DOWN AS PRIM MIN BUT RETAINS JUSTICE (WHICH INCLUDES COAST GUARD) AND TAKES OVER COMMERCE. SIGURDSSON RETAINS AGRICULTURE, DROPS FINANCE, BUT ADDS COMMUNICATIONS (WHICH INCLUDES CIVIL AVIATION).  
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